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SUBJECT: REMARKS OF GOF OFFICIAL ON FRENCH COOPERATION  
WITH IEA ON ENERGY CONSERVATION AND SUPPLY QUESTIONS

REF: PARIS 30441

1. IN CONVERSATION REPORTED REFTEL, BRUNET, DIRECTOR OF  
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ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, MFA, NOTED THAT STRENGTHENING OF

COOPERATION AMONG CONSUMERS IN PREPARATION FOR CONSUMER-PRODUCER CONFERENCE WOULD TAKE PLACE WITHIN IEA FOR THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH WERE MEMBERS AND "WITHIN OECD" FOR THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH WERE NOT.

2. ECON/COM MIN REMARKED THAT THE QUESTION OF HOW POSITION OF THOSE CONSUMERS SUCH AS FRANCE WHICH WERE NOT IN IEA WOULD BE COORDINATED WITH POSITIONS OF IEA MEMBERS WAS A MATTER OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE. HE ASKED WHAT BRUNET'S THINKING WAS ON HOW THIS COOPERATION COULD BE ORGANIZED WITHIN THE OECD.

3. BRUNET SAID HE HAD FRANKLY NOT HAD TIME TO GIVE ANY THOUGHT TO THIS QUESTION. HE AGREED THAT THE MATTER WAS ONE OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE AND SAID THAT HE EXPECTED TO TURN HIS MIND TO IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE FIRMLY RULED OUT ANY POSSIBILITY THAT COORDINATION WOULD TAKE PLACE IN THE FIRST INSTANCE AMONG THE NINE IN THE EC FRAMEWORK, WITH THE COMMISSION THEN COORDINATING WITH THE NON-EC MEMBERS IN THE IEA ON BEHALF OF THE NINE. (NOTE: CONVERSATION WITH BRUNET WAS HELD BEFORE WE RECEIVED NEWS OF EC COMMISSIONER SIMONET'S NEWS CONFERENCE.) HE SAID FRANCE COULD NOT ALLOW THE COMMISSION TO SPEAK FOR THE NINE IN THE IEA SINCE THIS WOULD BE TANTAMOUNT TO FRENCH MEMBERSHIP IN THE IEA. THE COMMISSION'S ROLE IN THE IEA WOULD THUS HAVE TO BE CONFINED TO THAT OF AN OBSERVER. FRANCE WOULD HAVE TO COORDINATE DIRECTLY WITH THE IEA.

4. THIS BEING SAID, BRUNET CONTINUED, HE DID NOT THINK IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO WORK OUT PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR FRANCE TO COOPERATE WITH THE IEA MEMBERS IN THE BROADER OECD FRAMEWORK (WHICH, HE REPEATED, WAS THE LOGICAL PLACE FOR THIS COORDINATION TO TAKE PLACE IN). HE PROMISED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH ECON/COM MIN AS SOON AS HIS THINKING ON THIS QUESTION HAD MATURED.

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